Export of Drugs

1121. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) What are the names of the producers who exported Norfloxacin, Danazol, Vincrestine and Vinblastine during the last two years, yearwise;

(b) what are the names of the countries to which these drugs were exported, the quantity exported to each country by each party; and

(c) what was the foreign exchange amount earned in such exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) A statement is attached [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 54].

Requirement and production of Norfloxacin and Danazol

1122. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2555 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Norfloxacin & Danazol are being produced from basic stages with indigenously developed technologies;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the capacities created and indigenous production of these drugs is much more than the requirement of the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has not examined all the factors in respect to these drugs;

(d) what are the specific reasons for allowing the import of these drugs and wasting valuable foreign exchange;

(e) whether it is also a fact that such an attitude of his Ministry is against the objecive of the Government ot achieve self-sufficiency; and

(f) if so, what corrective steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The production of Norfloxacin has been started by M|s Ranbaxy during the last six months. Danazol is produced by M|s. Tamil Nadu Dadha Pharmaceuticals and M|s. Cipla Ltd. The production by M/s. Tamil Nadu Dadha was 127 tonnes during 1987 while M|s. Cipla Limited did not report any production during 1987.

(c) to (f) Import of these drugs is allowed under OGL keeping in view the indigenous production *vis-a-vis* demand, etc., with a view to avoid short supply of these life saving drugs.

Import of vincrestine and vinblastine injections

1123. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2536 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that indigenous capacity is around ten times of the country's requirement of Vincrestine and Vinblastine Injections;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the quality of indigenous production has been accepted throughout the world including USA, UK and other developed countries;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the indigenous prices are less than the imported prices;